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Report from Matanzas—Disinfection and labeling of baggage bound for United States.

MATANZAS, CUBA, May 14, 1900.

SIR: In reply to Bureau letter dated May 8, 1900 (F. L. G.), I have the honor to report that the regulations regarding the disinfection and labeling of baggage are enforced at this station at the present time as follows, it being understood that this port may be considered at present as a clean port:

(1) All baggage of passengers leaving for the United States north of the southern boundary of Maryland, is inspected and passed, and so labeled with a pink label; the label shows also the name of the port, the date of inspection and the seal of the quarantine officer.

(2) All baggage bound for points south of the southern boundary of Maryland is disinfected, and so labeled with a yellow label; the label giving the same additional information to the one above mentioned.

(3) All baggage which may be presumed to be infected or which, in a general way, is in an unsanitary condition, is disinfected, no matter what its destination may be.

Respectfully,

G. M. GUITÉRAS,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Nuevitas, Gibara, and Puerto Padre.

NUEVITAS, CUBA, May 14, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended May 12, 1900: Five vessels arrived at this port and 7 bills of health were issued; 3 deaths were reported, 1 of yellow fever. We have heavy rains every evening and the weather is very warm; no new cases of yellow fever reported.

Gibara.—Reports show the arrival of 5 vessels, 5 bills of health issued, and 4 deaths; no quarantinable disease.

Puerto Padre.—Reports show the arrival of 4 vessels, 10 bills of health issued, and no deaths; sanitary condition good. There is no report of quarantinable disease at any point in the district.

Respectfully,

OWEN W. STONE,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Case of yellow fever in discharged soldier.

NUEVITAS, CUBA, May 14, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of a case of fever which I reported in last week's report: On the night of April 28, an American, a dishonorably discharged soldier, called at my residence and requested a prescription, stating that he had been sick two or three days. I prescribed for him, called to see him the next morning, and found him in a house of which the sanitary condition was very bad. I found him with a temperature of 103° F., eyes injected, skin congested, with much pain on pressure in the epigastrium. I also ascertained that he had been drinking a good deal, and in doing so had been exposed to the infection of the first case of yellow fever reported. Two of my